

Snapshots of the WNY Young Writers' Studio Community

Our Vision

We believe that all people are born writers and that the act of writing enables us to communicate our needs, raise our voices, connect and learn from others, and heal our lives as well as the world. At Studio, we learn how to honor and support the writer in everyone, because writers change the world.



Who We Are

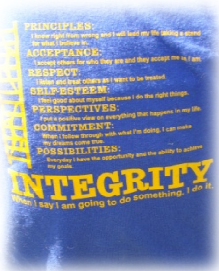
Each of us is a student and a teacher of writing. We come from different school and home communities. We seek diversity in membership and celebrate the rich perspective that our varied passions, experiences, and

expertise provide. Every member of our community contributes to the vision and the mission of the work that we do.



More Than Words

Our growth as writers is evidence of our attention to specific Dispositions of Practice, which include: courage, perseverance, understanding, expertise, collegiality, and reflection. We seek to strengthen our commitment to the Dispositions by setting purposeful goals around them and measuring our growth in these domains throughout each year of our fellowship. Our relationship with Communities for Learning: Leading Lasting Change® provides us a greater opportunity to learn and gain inspiration from students, writers, and teachers across New York State who have enjoyed rewarding careers and served others in significant ways as a result of their commitment to the same ideals. The Dispositions of Practice were first identified by this community, and we are proud to have the support and encouragement of such gifted and giving people.



Shaping the Future of Writing, Learning, and Teaching

Those who join Studio return to their communities and their schools increasingly confident in their abilities to produce and inspire meaningful writing. We work toward a future where all students are teachers and every teacher is a student. In Studio, all learning is driven by passion, informed by the collective expertise of our group, and nurtured in safe spaces where everyone is able to take the risks that are a necessary part of becoming true writers.



